

FROM OLATHE, KAN.

It has been sometime since I have written from this part of God's heritage. Not much news to report but will say our brethren and sisters, but few in number, are still unfurling the gospel banner, and expect to come out victorious. While we are preaching every Lord's day, morning and evening, with good attendance and interest, yet we have not had any accessions this summer, but we think there has been some good seed scattered to be gathered soon. We hope to be able through God's help to gather in many souls in the "Gospel ship" this winter. Our people are scattered all over the state and not in organized bodies. So it will be a little hard to find them. Let me say if there should be any who want some minister this winter to hold them a meeting, correspond with me. It may be so I can come. I have but two meetings under contemplation at present, for the winter.

A few words on self-control. One of the most desirable if not absolutely the most desirable of the gifts given to the human race for their well being, is that of self-control.

Self-control is a power given to few except in a slight degree, but in every human being is implanted the germ which by careful watching and judicious training becomes the sturdy tree about which all the other virtues and attributes cling as the vine to the oak, and without this support few of these virtues would ever grow sufficiently tall to be in any way conspicuous. What fills our drunkard's graves, lack of self-control. For few are those addicted to intoxication but will tell you they know it is wrong, but they can't help it.

And why do so many use tobacco? For the lack of self-control. Some there be, tis true, who mention that they do no wrong for they say, God created all things and pronounced it good. And they really seem to believe God made the tobacco to be chewed and smoked. They do not think to stop and read Rom. 12:1, where Paul says we must present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, but continue to pollute their bodies with the filthy stuff; all for the want of self-control. Joshua 3:5. "Sanctify yourselves for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you." And please turn to John 17:17. "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth." Keep in your mind this beautiful prayer which the Lord Jesus Christ delivered to the fathers. And if we are to set ourselves apart to do the Lord's bidding, we must have self-control enough to cast aside sin and

tobacco with it, and every thing else which is degrading, and come and consecrate ourselves holy to the Lord. Concluding thought. Oh fathers and mothers if you would have your sons and daughters become christians and good citizens, respected and loved, teach them self-control. ARTHUR BRUBAKER.

Aug. 14.

UNION MEETING.

Program for union meeting to be held at the Pleasant View church, Elkhart Co., Ind., Saturday and Sunday, Sep. 21, 22, 1895.

Prayer and Praise Service, 10:30-10:35, A. M., Rev. A. R. Bemenderfer.

The Need of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST in the Homes of Members, 10:35-10:40, Guilford Leslie.

Discussion, led by J. Stuckman.
How get the BRETHREN EVANGELIST into Every Member's Home? 11:00-11:05 N. A. Frame.

Discussion, led by H. J. Schrock.
Song.

Talk on Sabbath-school Work, 11:25-12 M. Guilford Leslie.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional service, 1:30-1:35, Mrs. Maggie Smith.

How Acquaint the Brethren Church Throughout the Co? 1:35-1:40, Rev. I. N. Miller.

Discussion, led by F. Ettlein.
Why Establish the Brethren Church in Name and Deed? 2:00-2:05, E. Fryman.

Discussion, led by Rev. A. R. Bemenderfer.
Have the Sisters a Work to do? 2:25-2:30, Mrs. Cresler.

Discussion, led by Mrs. D. Riggle.
Song.

The Value of Prayer Meeting, 2:50-2:55, Mrs. Teal.

Discussion, led by H. Landis.
How get the Members to Attend Prayer Meeting? 3:15-3:20, I. N. Pittenger.

Discussion, led by M. Brumbaugh.
Church Secretaries Reports and Talks, 3:40-3:45.

Sabbath-school Reports and talks, 3:45-3:50.
K. C. Reports and Talk, 3:50-3:55.
S. S. C. E. Reports and Talks, 3:55-4:00.
Miscellaneous Business.

Three minute talks are given for discussion of papers.

Song and Benediction.

Adjourn to meet at 7:30 P. M. for communion service.

COM. ON PROGRAM.

REV. DR. A. KEELER M'GREGOR.

I promised the EVANGELIST a short time ago, a brief account of this distinguished minister, of his baptism and admission into the Brethren church, etc. I baptized Dr. McGregor in June after he investigated trine immersion and the doctrines of our church. When the doctor first came in contact with us he was pastor of the Bethany Baptist church, Philadelphia. He has occupied some of the most important pulpits in Brooklyn and Philadelphia. His great ability as a preacher with his rare intellectual acquirements gives him the highest rank and he has been called by the public press, "The Prince of Pulpit Orators." Thus from the position Dr. McGregor occupied in the arena of the pulpit it was not the easiest thing for him to make this change. He saw the truth and the scriptural ground upon which we stand, and accepted trine immersion and joined the Brethren church. He says he lays all of his learning and power upon the altar of God. Doctor is yet a young man. And let the Brethren church pray that he may be a blessing to the cause we so much love. It is probable that he will be at our National Convention and will deliver one or more of his famous lectures if desired, or preach some of his soul stirring sermons. He has lectured in Kansas City and other cities of the west, also Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, etc. He is of age, when he comes he will speak for himself.

Camp meeting is progressing, about the time it must close there will be great interest. A prominent baptist lady will be baptized, also several other men of influence. Prejudices were great, we had quite a fight but the Lord is gaining ground. Pray for us. We hope to build a little chapel here, if so, it appears we will be sure of building up a strong, and the first Brethren church in New Jersey. I baptized the first Brethren applicant in this state. I. D. BOWMAN.

Philadelphia, Pa.

FROM DUNLAPS, IND.

Sister Laura Grossnickle was with us July 30, 31, and preached two grand sermons, also organized a S. S. C. E. of twenty-three members. Sister Bemenderfer was elected president. Our Harvest meeting on last Sabbath was indeed a feast to our souls. The house was filled all day, and the K. C. gave a grand entertainment in the evening. One member of the K. C. Society, has given her heart to the Heavenly King, and others are counting the cost. May it be the prayer of the entire brotherhood, that much good may be accomplished at this place.

SISTER HIMEBAUGH.